

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides a video recording and playback system comprising a video storing and retrieving device coupled to a video display device so as to provide the video display device with frames of video data for display. The video storing and retrieving device includes at least one memory capable of storing frames of video data, comprising packets according to a format. The format provides a trick mode indicator. A controller is coupled to the memory and controls operations of the memory. A user control device is operable with the controller to allow a user to communicate stop and pause commands to the controller. A processor cooperates with the controller so as to clear the trick mode indicator of at least one retrieved packet in response to the stop command. The processor cooperates with the controller to set the trick mode indicator of at least one retrieved packet in response to the pause command.